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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 15, 2004, Applicants elect the species of "Prodrug Compound 2," whose structure is set forth on pages 37, 53-56, and 62 of the Specification. Claims 1-4, 8-17, and 19-21 read on the elected species. The election is made without traverse.

Enclosed is a check for a one (1) month extension of time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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